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# Teamsters Unions Form Coalition To Protect Lettuce Shed Workers

## NEW AFL GROUP HERE HITS DISCRIMINATION, PLEDGES AREA UNITY

Formation of a "Co-ordinating Committee of Unions Affiliated with the AFL International Brotherhood of Teamsters" for the purpose of protection of AFL lettuce shed and field workers from unwarranted attacks by rival unions or the employers was announced at Salinas this week.

General Teamsters Union 287, serving Watsonville and Hollister areas, General Teamsters Union 890, serving Monterey County, and AFL Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Workers Union 912, of the Salinas-Watsonville-Hollister lettuce packing area, comprise the new coalition, which will serve for the entire lettuce producing area of the Salinas and Pajaro valleys.

Approval of the Teamsters Joint Council of this area and of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters has been granted to the new "co-ordinating committee," it was announced.

The coalition was formed at a meeting of key officials of the three Teamster unions at Salinas last week. Officers were elected by the new group as follows:

**President**—Albert A. Harris (president also of General Teamsters Union 890 of Monterey County).

**Vice President**—Fred Hofmann (secretary of General Teamsters Union 287 of San Jose, Santa Cruz and San Benito counties).

**Secretary**—Holman Day (secretary also of Fruit and Vegetable Workers Union 912 of the area involved).

Meetings of the new coalition and co-ordinating group will be held on call and as necessary, Harris said.

Included in the protective effort are all teamsters, drivers and shed workers connected with the lettuce industry, such as lettuce truck drivers, ice plant workers and drivers, and others, it was announced.

The group was formed to act in any report of discrimination, coercion or actual threats to any member of Local 912, Harris reported. All unions have agreed not to sign any union contract with lettuce growers and shippers unless terms of the agreement are approved by all three unions.

Workers in the field and sheds who belong to AFL Local 912 will be given fullest possible protection. If any such worker should be forced from a job because of refusal to join the CIO-FTA union, which has a contract with growers of the area, the AFL teamsters union will go to court to protect the worker, and will file unfair labor practices against the employer involved.

The teamster unions contend that there is no "closed shop" or "union shop" now possible in the lettuce sheds or fields inasmuch as the CIO-FTA union here has refused to comply with the Taft-Hartley Act non-communist affidavit regulation and thus cannot qualify for a "union shop" election.

Unions in negotiations with lettuce growers and shippers now have agreed not to sign "no strike, no walkout" provision, inasmuch as such a provision would jeopardize the effectiveness of the new coalition, Harris said.

Layoffs of AFL members will be checked carefully, he added. There has been a threat of layoff due to seriously-low prices of lettuce and closing of some packing plants.

All lettuce workers are urged to contact the nearest AFL Teamster union in event of any dispute with employers. Local 287 has offices at 10 East Lake Street, Watsonville, phone 2310, and also in San Jose, phone Ballard 6315. Local 890 has offices at 274 E. Alisal St., Salinas, phone 4893. Local 912 has offices at 27 E. Market, Salinas, phone 9113.

**Davis Named Chairman Of Atom Dispute Panel**

Washington.—President Truman created a special labor relations panel to prevent work stoppages in vital atomic energy operations.

He named William H. Davis, former head of the War Labor Board, to be chairman. He said 2 other members would be named in a few days.

The panel was established on recommendation of a special commission, on which Davis served, which studied atomic energy labor relations for the President.

Mr. Truman stressed that the panel will be of top-flight, last-resort nature.

## Labor-Backed Politicos Win At Monterey

Labor-supported candidates for city council and for mayor upset the current administration in Monterey city elections last week when nearly 70 per cent of the voters cast ballots.

Lester K. Smith, hardware store owner, defeated Mayor Hugh F. Dormody by 2853 to 1008.

Shedo ("Buck") Russo, incumbent councilman and member of Motion Picture Operators Union 611, topped candidates for council with 2335 votes.

Anthony ("Tony") Alves, member of Monterey Fish Cannery Workers Union, ran a close second with 2331 votes.

Defeated were Guy Curtis, incumbent, 1127 votes, and Rod Thompson, 1068.

Labor had supported Smith, Russo and Alves in the pre-election campaigning.

A total of 3881 voters went to the polls out of a total registration of 5596.

## PIPE WRAPPING JOBS KEEPING LABORERS BUSY

Two major pipe wrapping projects are keeping members of Salinas Laborers Union 272 busy these days, according to J. B. McGinley, union business agent, and the laying of the pipe will provide added work later.

Pacific Pipe Line Co. of Los Angeles is just completing the wrapping of huge pipe sections for a new gas main to be laid from near Hollister to the P.G. & E. project at Moss Landing. Contract for laying the pipe has not been announced. The Pacific pipe firm is moving to Sacramento and will take some local laborers to the new job, McGinley said.

Bechtel Pipe Co. of San Francisco is using heavy equipment and Salinas laborers in wrapping pipe which will be laid as part of a major coast-wide pipe line project, the Bechtel portion running from 50 miles below Hollister to Milpitas, just north of San Jose.

Piombo Bros., San Jose contractors, has started clearing the right of way for the Bechtel pipe project, McGinley added.

Work of union laborers in the Salinas area is improving steadily, Business Agent McGinley of Local 272 reported.

Twenty more laborer have been returned to jobs on the P. G. & E. project at Moss Landing and further calls are expected with the concrete work due to be started in a few weeks.

Leonard English, Santa Cruz contractor, has called for Salinas laborers to help in construction of the new Sanborn School, McGinley added.

## U. S. Homes Still Lack Modern Conveniences

Washington.—Despite the nation's high standard of living, about one-third of the homes in the United States lack either cooking equipment, a kitchen sink, or a bathtub or shower, the Census Bureau reports.

In cities, only two out of ten living quarters lack all three conveniences, the bureau said. In rural non-farm areas, the ratio is four out of ten, and in farm areas it's seven out of ten.

Ten inches of snow equals in water content, on the average, about one inch of rain.

## Painters 1104 Pick Stewards For All Shops

With work for union painters showing a steady improvement, Salinas Painters Union 1104 has named shop stewards for all major shops in the Salinas area, according to Secretary and Business Representative Carl Lara of Local 1104.

Newly-appointed shop stewards will report at the last meeting each month on conditions in various shops, on work prospects and on employment conditions, Lara said. Steward reports for use by the special union representatives are being mailed to the new shop stewards, he added.

Listed as stewards for various shops are:

J. T. Brown Co.—Bert Davis.

Pacific Builders—J. F. Miller.

Dennis Hartman Co.—Louis Jones.

Clarence Nelson Co.—Courtney Cox.

Hamilton Bros. Co.—Ronald Thrash.

George White Co.—Ed DeWitt.

Charles Smith Co.—Svend Trondheim.

Tunnell Bros. Co.—Roy Stevens.

Buchanan Co.—Merle Grange.

Work for painters in the Salinas area is reported by Secretary Lara as follows:

Two men have been called to the Soledad State Prison preliminary construction work and more are expected to be called shortly.

Tri-City Painting Contractors of Monterey have engaged three local men to assist in painting of the new Salinas city swimming pool, the project to be completed in about a month.

Painting Contractor Demetrios Progonis of San Francisco has started painting of the Cominos Hotel in Salinas, hiring a local man. The hotel is being renovated. Cordell Painting Service of Salinas did decoration work on Tiny's Cafe, coffee shop and bar.

## In Union Circles

Lester A. Caveny, business agent of Monterey Fish Cannery Workers Union, was in Sacramento again last week to speak against the bill which was adopted over union protests and bans the "summer pack" of sardines.

A new highway project in the southern part of the county is due to start soon, according to J. B. McGinley, business agent of Laborers Union 272 of Salinas.

Contract to surface four miles of U.S. 101 between San Ardo and King City has been let by the state to Fredrickson & Kasper, Sacramento contractors, at \$174,385.

Business Agent Al Clark of Salinas Bartenders Union 545, has been returned home from a local hospital where he underwent an operation. He is expected to be back on his job shortly.

Ray Robles Cement and Grading Co., at King City has signed a contract with Laborers Union 272, covering five laborers employed.

Drivers also are union. This means that King City now has a union cement contractor to serve those who wish the best work by better men.

Merle Coffee, member of Salinas Painters Union 1104, is recovering slowly from serious injuries incurred in an automobile accident on the Arroyo Seco Road last week. Two persons died in the accident.

## SCHOOL DISTRICT ANNEXATION HALTED

Annexation of Springfield School District with the Pajaro Union School District in Monterey County was halted by the Monterey County Superior Court last week when Superior Judge H. G. Jorgensen issued a writ of mandate prohibiting further action following petition of Emil and Joseph Yappert, parents of a child in the Springfield School. The petition for the annexation was found not to bear a majority of signatures of parents in the Springfield district.

## Temo Kiddie Klub Again on Saturday

KIDDIE KLUB HIGHLIGHT



James Greer, of 361 West St., Salinas, a seventh-grade student at Roosevelt School, is shown receiving a cocker spaniel puppy from Mayor George C. Taylor of Salinas as Master of Ceremonies Art Ryan looks on, the presentation being a highlight of the first Teamsters Kiddie Klub show at Salinas on May 7. Next show is this Saturday morning (story in adjoining column).—Photo by Allmond and Parnell. Cut courtesy Salinas California.

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## Harter Travels To Modesto for Contract Talks

George R. Harter, business agent of Salinas Carpenters Union 925, was to travel to Modesto on Monday of this week for a negotiations meeting on the contract between 42 Northern California county carpenter unions and the Associated General Contractors, northern and central state divisions.

Negotiations had been postponed after employers gave a counter proposal to the union's wage increase demands, Harter said, but the present agreement has been extended to June 15 to allow time for negotiating a new scale. Unemployment problems and uncertainty regarding effect of the Taft-Hartley Act on building trades unions have also caused delays in negotiations.

## Urge Less Interference In Labor Relations

Atlantic City.—Dr. George W. Taylor, former member of the National War Labor Board, urges as little government interference in labor-management relations as is possible.

In an address here he said: "The guide to all labor legislation should be whether the government can solve the problem better than the people themselves." In urging less government intervention in labor-management relations, Dr. Taylor told his audience: "Surprisingly, among the people who cry for less government interference some are for the most far-reaching intervention regulations of the Taft-Hartley Act."

Using the union security clause of the act as an example, Dr. Taylor asserted that the one-year record showed without doubt that labor and management could handle this matter better than government.

He said there was no single case of the Taft-Hartley Act eliminating the union or so-called closed shop, while it had resulted in "bootleg clauses" in contracts that were much worse.

## More Events Added to Big Salinas Rodeo

Addition of a public square dance and restoration of the Big Hat Barbecue and the Colmo Del Rodeo parade were announced last week in connection with the California Rodeo at Salinas, June 16-19.

The square dance will be at the city parking lot on Thursday night, June 16, while the Colmo Del Rodeo, billed as "the Mardi Gras of the Rodeo," will be Saturday night, June 18. Plans for the Big Hat Barbecue call for this event at the Sheriff's Posse Rodeo Grounds on Thursday, June 2.

Contestants now are entering the contest for "Sweetheart of the Rodeo," the winner to be announced on the opening day of the big show.

Youngsters will hold the spotlight on Wednesday night, June 15, at the annual Kiddie Kapers Parade. Regular rodeo events and some racing are planned for the rodeo show itself with the nation's finest performers taking part.

## Summer Pack Of Sardines Is Outlawed

Efforts of AFL fishermen and fish cannery worker union to prevent legislation which would outlaw the "summer pack" of sardines proved fruitless last week as Governor Warren signed into law the bill introduced by Assemblyman Vincent Thomas of San Pedro which halts the off-season sardine canning.

Sardines caught as bait and for fresh consumption in the off-season could be packed in special containers previously in what has been called "summer pack." This has provided much additional work for both fishermen and fish cannery workers.

Women police are employed in most forces in Britain. Their conditions of service are essentially the same as those of men.

## Millions Face Rent Boosts Thru New Law

AFL Release

Washington.—Millions of tenants face the possibility of increased rents under the regulations issued by Tighe E. Woods, federal rent control administrator, interpreting the rent control law's "fair net operating income" provision for landlords.

Under the regulations, landlords will be permitted to raise rents if their net operating income falls below a level determined by Mr. Woods to be a national average.

Any increase permitted under the new formula cannot be put into effect without notification to the tenant, who has the right of appeal to regional and national offices of the Office of the Housing Expediter.

The regulations provide the following formula for determining whether landlords are entitled to rent increases:

**LESS THAN 25%**

1. Any landlord operating a "small" structure can get a rent increase if his net operating income is less than 25 per cent of his gross income. He will be given an increase up to 30 per cent.

2. Any landlord operating a "large" structure can get an increase if his net operating income is less than 20 per cent of his gross income. He will get an increase to bring his net operating income up to 25 per cent.

A small structure was defined as one containing one to four dwelling units. A large structure is one with more than four units.

Gross income is the total the landlord takes in on his rental properties.

Net operating income was defined in the OHE regulation as the amount of income remaining after the payment of all operating expenses and an allowance for depreciation.

**DEPRECIATION**  
Payments for interest or amortization of mortgage indebtedness are not included in operating expenses, since they represent charges incident to acquisition of the property rather than to the operation of the property.

Depreciation is entered as an expense in the amount the landlord reported on his latest required federal income tax return, with a limitation that the amount shall not exceed 21 per cent of the gross income in the case of small structures and 16 per cent in the case of large structures.

Woods used these two examples to show how the "fair net operating return" provision will work:

1. **Small structure.**—The landlord has an annual gross income of \$1,000. His expenses are \$600 and his depreciation allowance is \$200, the two figures totaling \$800. This leaves a net operating income of \$200 or 20 per cent of his gross income. Since his net operating income is less than 25 per cent, he is entitled to an increase to bring it to 30 per cent of the gross. This will require a gross income of \$1,433 which will be achieved by increasing his annual rent by \$143 or approximately \$12 a month.

2. **Large structure.** The landlord has an annual gross income of \$10,000. His expenses are \$7,000 and his depreciation allowance is \$1,500, or 15 per cent of his gross income. Since his net operating income is less than 20 per cent, he is entitled to an increase of 25 per cent. This will require an annual gross income of \$11,333 which will be achieved by increasing his annual gross income \$1,333, or approximately \$94.50 per month.

**LABOR IS ALERTED**

Prior to the issuance of the new regulations on fair net operating income for landlords, the American Federation of Labor acted to call to the attention of its local affiliates the necessity of insuring that labor is fully represented on local rent advisory boards.

AFL President William Green urged all officials of AFL central labor unions to be on the alert for any action contemplated by municipal authorities which would lead to decontrol of rents under the new law's "local option" provision.

In a circular letter, Green declared that the new powers given local authorities mean that "the fight for adequate rent controls, which has heretofore been conducted largely at the national level, will now be transferred in many communities to the local level."

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The State Capitol  
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## Mourn Death Of Sen. Burns

(State Fed. Release)

Labor will mourn the passing—on May 1, 1949—of Senator Michael J. Burns, 62, of Eureka, a member of the State Legislature for 17 years. Senator Burns pioneered in the organized labor movement in California, and has been highly respected by his brother members for his forthrightness and honesty. His courage in standing by his convictions irrespective of the consequences has been admired by all.

He was unceasing in his efforts to help the people of the state, and particularly those of his own district in northern California. He was a strong proponent of safety legislation; typical was a Burns-sponsored measure which increased penalties on reckless drivers, and another bill requiring red reflectors on all bicycles. He also was instrumental in creating legislation which assured a five-day week for all State employees.

Senator Burns was a native of County Waterford, Ireland, and a graduate of the Engineering School of Devonport, England. He came to the United States from Ireland in 1909 and was apprenticed to the machinist trade in Eureka. In addition to his widow, he is survived by six children.

## Labor Supports Blood Program

(AFL Release)

Philadelphia.—Organized labor here is boosting the Red Cross' blood-donor campaign.

Joseph A. McDonough, business manager of the AFL's Central Labor Union, Henry F. Shipperd, president of the Philadelphia Industrial Union Council (CIO), and W. B. Woodward, general chairman, Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Firemen, joined in the pledge of support for the Blood Center.

"Labor is firmly behind the blood program," they said. "Few projects will so tremendously benefit labor as a working blood program such as the Red Cross has instituted. Too often in the past we have been compelled to pay high sums for blood when it was needed. That situation no longer exists."

Each factory, plant and union local will organize blood donations under its own blood recruitment chairman in cooperation with management and the Red Cross, they said.

"Now that we have the Blood Center, we must see to it that it carries out its objective of being able to give blood free to everyone, regardless of race, color, creed or financial status," the union leaders said.

"Labor will do its share to make it succeed."

## Bryan Named Adviser To Belgian ECA Mission

Washington.—The appointment of Joseph L. Bryan as labor adviser to the Economic Cooperation Administration Mission in Belgium was announced here by Administrator Paul G. Hoffman. Bryan is to replace Albert Wegener, who has resigned.

Since 1940, Bryan has been president of the Bookbinders and Paper Cutters Union No. 8 in Chicago. Previous to that he was a national field representative of the International Brotherhood of Bookbinders (AFL) in Washington.

Bryan has been active in union affairs since he helped organize the bookbinders in Tallahassee, Fla., immediately after serving his five-year apprenticeship. His work was interrupted by World War I, when he served in the Air Force. He returned to his trade after his discharge in Cincinnati from 1919 to 1926, when he moved to Chicago.

Bryn Mawr College, an educational institution for women, located at Bryn Mawr, Pa., was founded in 1880.



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## LEARNING TO DO POLITICS

When members of organized labor undertake to take a hand in political activity they must realize they are up against the slickest and most unscrupulous manipulators of the various methods used to sway public opinion and carry elections for the interests they serve. These professional wire-pullers are usually well paid, especially if the election is swung the way desired by their sponsors.

Labor cannot do politics the way that special interests secure hired political henchmen to serve as heelers for helping to do such wire pulling on the political field. Labor must rely on volunteers, who without pay, go forth to oppose the onslaughts of the paid political workers of their political enemies.

In order to win a political fight these volunteers of labor must do fully as thorough and systematic a job as do their well directed paid opponents. Every voter in every precinct must be contacted. Every voter on labor's side must be registered in plenty time to insure their right to vote in the primary and the regular election. To do this requires an enormous army of politically conscious volunteers, who will get right in and pitch till the last vote is counted.

## SELECT YOUR OWN CANDIDATES

Where the average run of citizens, who have votes, have often lost out completely in having a voice in important elections is that so few of us have taken an active part in the selection of candidates, who later came up for election. Yet the most important step of all in getting desirable results from any election is to have good and dependable candidates to vote for.

Where any group is doing active political work it is a mistake to endorse a candidate simply because somebody asks that it be done. A much better method is to allow any member to make proposals, which should all be gone over carefully by a nominating committee and only after opportunity has been given to consider the relative merits or demerits of available material, should the group make its endorsement.

Is there anything more ridiculous than one union endorsing a candidate and another sister union endorsing its opponent? A far better plan is for all local unions to send representatives to a common meeting and take plenty time at later meetings to consider available material, then make a united endorsement for such candidate as the majority approve of. This method works well, where it is used in good faith.

## WHY LABOR PARTIES ARE BORN

There is a reason why so many countries of today have labor parties. In practically every country, where labor parties exist, they came into existence as a protest against the use of political power to curb and nullify gains already achieved by the labor unions.

Here in the United States, since the time Franklin D. Roosevelt became president and the recognized leader of the Democratic party, this party has been the one to give labor such laws as other countries usually get through their labor parties. In other words, the Democratic party in the United States has served the interests of labor, as well, if not better, than the labor parties of Europe or Australia, are now serving the workers of their respective countries, where they are in control or occupy the position of being the leading political parties.

If the Democratic party will continue to serve the interests of labor as it did during the Roosevelt administrations, then in the next few years it might become the most effective expression of the interests of labor of any party in any country in the world. Unless the Democratic party settles down to so serving labor a labor party will inevitably arise that will serve labor.

## JURISDICTION DISPUTES

At a time when organized labor needs everything it has to save itself from being legislated out of existence is a poor time to start jurisdiction squabbles. Yet there are a number of these jurisdiction fights being fought in various parts of the country with the result that there are now very few localities, where the A. F. of L. unions are in the ascendancy, that are not experiencing a number of these jurisdiction fights in which two or more unions claim jurisdiction of the same work. It was none other than Samuel Gompers, who pointed out, that if the A. F. of L. went down and out it would be jurisdiction disputes that would be the chief cause. Instead of letting Congress pass laws to prohibit stoppages of work because of jurisdiction disputes our leaders within the labor movement should devise ways and means of ironing out all jurisdictional squabbles entirely within the framework of the union movement itself.

Don't be one of those who accepts all the blessings but never lifts a finger to help bring them about.



## Health Program is Presented; MD's Shout Flabby Protest

Washington. — President Truman appealed to Congress for the early approval of a national health program "to make available enough medical services to go around, and to see that everybody has a chance to obtain these services."

To accomplish this purpose, bills were introduced in both houses of Congress to provide a compulsory insurance system as the only democratic approach to a demonstrated national need.

This controversial feature of the program, which has the backing of the American Federation of Labor, immediately raised a storm of protest from opposing groups ranging from the American Medical Association to the Daughters of the American Revolution. These groups freely let loose with verbal barages which had for their central theme the old well-worn charge that the President's program was "socialized" medicine.

### TAFT WANTS CHARITY CARE

Within Congress itself strong opposition is expected from Senator Robert A. Taft and his supporters, who are plugging for federal aid to the states for medical care purposes based on the charity principle.

The administration measure provides that employer and employee contribute one and one-half per cent each on payroll into a personal health services account from which payment would be made to doctors for comprehensive medical care of about 85 per cent of the country's population.

The assessment would be levied on the first \$4,800 of individual income so that the largest contribution by any person would be \$72 a year. The federal government would add to this appropriations amounting to one-half of one per cent of payrolls through 1954 and one per cent thereafter through 1957.

### COVERS WHOLE FAMILY

This insurance would cover care not only for the individual worker but also all of his immediate family.

The program would be administered by a national health insurance board of five persons, working in consultation with a national advisory medical policy council of 17 members. Three members of the board would be named by the President, at least one of whom must be a doctor. The other two would be the Surgeon General of the Public Health Service and the Commissioner for Social Security.

### LOCAL CONTROL

Actual operation of the program would rest in the states, where plans would be formulated. If

states failed to institute programs the health insurance board would be required to do the job.

Local committees, made up of both doctors and laymen, would administer the program in the communities. They would set fees determined by a majority of the doctors themselves.

Major provisions of the administration program, beyond its financing and operation, all running in cost to many millions, call for:

Aid to medical education of all types, including provision for expansion of plant, direct aid to the institutions, and scholarships.

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Extension of the present program of grants-in-aid for state and local health work.

Stepping up grants-in-aid for maternal and child health and crippled children's services, providing a first-year appropriation of \$35,000,000 for various programs.

## NEURALGIA AND NEURITIS

Neuralgia and neuritis are painful disorders of one or more nerves. The cause is not always known but, the U. S. Public Health Service says, the chances are that the person attacked is already in a weakened condition, from illness, injury or lack of proper nourishment.

As a rule, neuralgia refers to a nerve that is causing pain but is not necessarily damaged. Neuritis usually involves inflammation of one or more nerves. Neuralgia usually causes sharp, fitful pains; neuritis is more apt to be constant and burning.

Since the causes of these two disorders are frequently not known, treatment is not as simple and easy as nostrum peddlers make it appear to be. But there are some general rules it is well to follow and some things you should know about.

In the first place, don't rely on pain-relieving drugs or bone manipulation treatments even though sympathetic and well-meaning friends recommend them to you. Remember that neuralgia and neuritis often start with relatively mild attacks that recur at irregular intervals. If competent treatment is begun at once, the ailment can often be cleared up before it is really serious.

But if makeshift pain killers and manipulations are relied upon, the case may get progressively worse, making ultimate cure all the more difficult.

Here are the Health Service's rules for prevention of these nervous disorders: Live calmly; avoid undue stress, strain and over-fatigue. Avoid undue exposure to cold and damp. If your job exposes you to dangerous chemicals such as lead, arsenic or mercury, be sure you are properly protected. Be sure to eat enough B-vitamin foods, bread, cereals, meat, fish, eggs, and cheese.

Neuritis may be localized in one nerve, or generalized, but the localized form is by far the most common. Frequently it is localized in the sciatic nerve which runs along the back of the leg. It may occur without apparent cause, or as a result of arthritis, a bone dislocation or an infection.

Generalized neuritis is not as common, but is far more serious. It often attacks a person who has for some time been weakened by illness; by exposure to chemicals such as lead or arsenic; or by alcoholism. Failure to eat and absorb enough foods containing B vitamins seems to be an important cause.

ONE, TWO, THREE!—Given a second chance to vote on the anti-labor Wood Bill, the House reversed itself and by a slim margin of 212 to 209 sent the bill back to committee. The trio pictured are Representatives Richard J. Welch (R., Calif.), Augustine E. Kelly (D., Pa.) and Chairman John Lesinski (D., Mich.) of the House Labor Committee.

## Gray Asks Homes for Middleclass

Washington. — Richard J. Gray, president of the AFL's Building and Construction Trades Department, called for a special federal housing program to meet the needs of moderate-income families not provided for by public housing.

In testimony before the House Banking and Currency Committee, Mr. Gray said that the provisions of the administration's housing bill authorizing a program of slum clearance, public housing, housing research, and aid for special farm housing needs will still leave untouched the requirements of 40 per cent of the population with incomes between \$2500 and \$4000 a year.

### COOPERATIVE PROJECTS

The AFL leader urged the committee to include in the federal housing program authorization for the construction of 120,000 homes a year over a 6-year period by nonprofit and cooperative housing organizations to be financed by low-interest federal loans to such organizations. He said:

"The program which we advocate to accomplish this purpose provides for direct federal loans at the going federal interest rate (the average of what the money costs the government, now approximately 2 per cent), plus one-half of 1 per cent to cover the cost of administration, for an amortization period covering the useful life of the dwelling. These loans would be made available only to cooperative and other non-profit housing corporations.

### A NEW SET-UP

"The entire program should be administered by a new cooperative housing administration set up as a constituent unit of the Housing and Home Finance Agency. It should be the responsibility of the cooperative housing commissioner to encourage and assist the operations of cooperative and nonprofit housing groups organized to provide housing for families of moderate income, and to make available to them technical advice and other assistance which they may require in the planning, development, construction, and operation of these housing projects.

### \$50-\$60 A MONTH

"We estimate that total monthly payments or rents under such a program could be reduced to as low as \$50-\$60 by the savings which would be made possible. Savings could be achieved in at least 4 ways: (1) by reducing monthly financing costs through the lower interest rate and the longer amortization period; (2) by the non-profit feature; (3) by an extremely low vacancy rate comparable to our experience in public housing; and (4) by reducing operating and maintenance expenses through avoiding luxury services to tenants and arranging for a certain amount of tenant maintenance. In addition, states and localities could make major contributions toward the achievement of additional savings by granting partial or complete tax exemptions to cooperative and non-profit housing groups set up under this program.

"We firmly believe that little can be achieved by setting up such a program unless it is large enough to make an important contribution to meeting the needs of moderate-income families. For this reason, we feel that this program should begin with a 6-year program permitting the construction of at least 120,000 units each year. This would require that \$1,000,000,000 per year be authorized for loans under this program each year."

Britain is to introduce self-serve stores. Authority has been given for 80 premises to be adapted for this purpose. The building licenses permitting work to proceed on the premises are allocated so as to give private traders 40 self-serve shops, co-operatives 20, and multiple shops 20.

## Assembly Acts on Labor Legislation

(State Fed. Release)

With only three votes to spare, the Federation succeeded in obtaining the passage of AB 191 on May 9, providing for an increase in salaries for the medical director and assistants of the Industrial Accident Commission. Those voting in favor of this measure were as follows:

Anderson, Beck, Bennett, Burkhalter, Collier, C. Dills, Ralph Dills, Doyle, Elliott, Evans, Geddes, Hawkins, Hollibaugh, Kilpatrick, Morris, Rosenthal, Thomas, Yorty, Berry, Brady, Geo. Collins, Gaffney, Maloney, McCarthy, Meyers, Dickey, Dunn, Rumphor, Cramer.

Luckel, Niehouse, Brown, Coats, Condon, Cooke, Crichton, Davis, Dolwig, Hagen, Lewis, McCollister, Way, Weber.

### DISABILITY BILLS

The Assembly Committee on Finance and Insurance on May 9 reported out a number of vital bills dealing with disability insurance:

The following bills were approved by the Committee:

Federation bill AB 112, eliminating the need for employer consent to a voluntary plan. The following voted for AB 112: Geddes, Doyle, Maloney, Meyers, Dunn and Brady.

Federation bill AB 898, which was considered with AB 1596, providing that a person eligible for disability benefits and unemployment benefits in the same year may receive the maximum of both. AB 898 was voted out of the Committee unanimously.

AB 1597, reducing the waiting period for disability benefits from 7 to 4 days for illness and disease, and eliminating entirely the waiting period for accidents. The only opposition to AB 1597 came from Levering.

The following bill was killed in the Assembly Finance and Insurance Committee, May 9:

AB 1595, to establish a maximum weekly benefit of \$40. Votes in opposition to this measure were Grunsky, Levering, Lipscomb, Morris, Stanley and Geddes. Brady and Dolwig were absent.

On May 31, the Assembly Public Health Committee will hear AB 863, the Federation's health insurance bill.

### Woman Suffrage Granted

The amendment to the United States Constitution which gave the right of franchise to the women of the country became effective on August 26, 1920.

Hydrazine hydrate is an important ingredient in some rocket fuels.



SUN BEAM—This press agent's dream is Rosemary Williams and she's supposed to be selling sun lotion, if you can tear your eyes from the less angular parts of the view.

## Federation Backs Teachers' Drive

(State Fed. Release)

The California State Federation of Labor is supporting the California State Federation of Teachers in its current organizing drive and in its efforts to obtain contributions from local unions of this state. A new local has already been chartered in San Diego and substantial progress is being made elsewhere, but further improvements depend upon the support of AFL unions in the state. Contributions should be sent to the California State Federation of Teachers, Dr. Herbert Copeland, 2925-27th Street, Sacramento 17, California.

The Teachers hope to canvass the 50,000 teachers in the state, but realize that the achievement of this objective may take three years and can only be obtained with the financial and moral support of the entire labor movement. Such organization will benefit not only the teachers themselves, but will be extremely useful to the trade unions as well. The anti-labor bias of education can be removed only by bringing the teachers into the union movement. The organization of white collar workers is always an uphill process, but they constitute a major and important part of the workers of the country.

## Assembly OK's Housing Plan

(State Fed. Release)

A \$300 million building program to eliminate slums and provide for low cost housing by nonprofit or charitable organizations, to be financed by private capital, passed the Assembly May 3 by a vote of 48-22. The measure, AB 21, by Assemblyman Delbert Morris of Los Angeles, provides in addition that the state shall contribute only interest charges above 2 per cent, but not to exceed 4½ per cent, which the nonprofit corporation has to pay to banks, insurance companies, or the Reconstruction Finance Corporation. The passage of this bill is a definite step forward in a splendid home building program.

During Assembly action on Assemblyman Morris' measure, an amendment by Conrad, Hollywood, to limit purchases, rentals or leases under the project to families whose incomes did not exceed \$2000 annually was defeated. Another parliamentary maneuver by McCollister, Marin, to recommit the bill to the solidly conservative Ways and Means Committee was also defeated.

On May 9, AB 21 came up for reconsideration on a motion by Dolwig, San Mateo. The motion was defeated 43-24, with the following voting in opposition to the interests of the people and of labor: Babbage, Burke, Butters, Caldecott, Connolly, Conrad, Cramer, Dickey, Dolwig, Erwin, Grant, Grunsky, Hagen, Hoffman, Huyck, Levering, Lipscomb, McCollister, Reagan, Smith, Stanley, Stewart, Tomlinson, Way.

This measure will undoubtedly meet with opposition in the Senate, but widespread popular support may succeed in bringing about its passage in the upper house.

## \$23,375 in Fines Levied For Anti-Trust Violation

Philadelphia. — The Philadelphia Wholesale Cleaners and Dyers Association, 19 corporations and five individuals pleaded guilty to anti-trust charges here and were fined a total of \$23,375.

Specifically, the defendants were accused of violating the Sherman Anti-Trust Act by fixing prices and allocating customers.

Consumer spending in Britain in 1948 was seven and one-half per cent above the 1947 level.

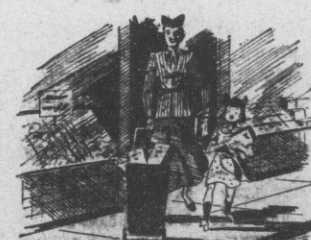
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## Carpenter ROUNDUP

Carpenters Union 925  
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Work picture for carpenters of Salinas Carpenters Union 925 continues to show encouragement, according to George R. Harter, secretary and business agent of the union.

Forty carpenters have been sent to the Stone & Webster job for P. G. & E. Co. at Moss Landing in the past two weeks and the outlook there is for several more carpenters shortly. Work at Moss Landing project should be plentiful in a few months as improved weather lets the construction get into full swing.

Contractor Leonard English of Santa Cruz has started construction of the new Sanborn School, calling for some local men.

### TO ALL MEMBERS:

Any unemployed carpenter wishing to have his certification card for unemployment insurance marked, must be at the union's office at 8 a. m. on the day of checking and should contact the office regularly to show he is available for work.

Unemployment insurance is paid only where it is certified that the carpenter or other worker is out of work but is available, willing and able to accept proper employment if offered.

Therefore, the "blue cards" for certification must be checked by the union at the time workers are being sent out to jobs. The State Department of Employment office has been informed that this is the only time at which the union will mark the certification cards for carpenters.

Any member of Local 925 who has moved since the last election, or who failed to vote in the November election last year, must register as a voter. Registration books are available for union people at headquarters of Carpenters Union 925 in Salinas.

Construction of a new theatre in the Valley Center area on South Main St., in Salinas is expected to be started shortly.

There still is talk of the big "rancho-type" hotel in the Monterey Park tract on South Main St. This big hotel is expected to cost nearly \$2,000,000.

Plans for the state medium security prison at Soledad are to be completed this month and sent to contractors for bids early in June. This \$10,000,000 prison project should be started before the end of the year.

## IATSE Local Union Whips UMW in Poll

Philadelphia.—The widely heralded move by District 50, United Mine Workers of America, to seize control of employees in the nation's film theaters was brought sharply to a halt here where it faced its first test.

In a collective-bargaining election conducted by the Pennsylvania Labor Relations Board, cashiers, doormen, ushers, maîtres, cleaners and porters at theaters throughout the city gave more than a 2-to-1 vote of confidence to the A. F. of L. union which had represented them for 11 years—Local B-100 of the International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees and Motion Picture Operators of the U. S. and Canada.

Total vote was 472 for the IATSE local, 212 for District 50, 22 for no union, and 2 for the Employees Representation Committee, a group which had thrown its support to the Mine Workers after obtaining a place on the ballot.

Do I get credit for all the money I paid on my term insurance?  
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QUESTION: I just received my NSLI policy but I notice the beneficiary is not endorsed on it. Why is this?

ANSWER: NSLI policies do not show the beneficiary or the option chosen by the insured. When you designated your beneficiary the form you signed was made part of your records. If the designations were endorsed on your policy, it would not necessarily be accurate at a later date, since you can change your designation without sending in your policy to be corrected.

QUESTION: May I name anyone as beneficiary of my insurance?  
ANSWER: Yes. You may designate any person or persons, firm, corporation, or other legal entity, including your estate.

## Federal Economist Warns Businessmen

New York.—Louis H. Bean, prominent economist for the Department of Agriculture, warned the nation's business leaders that they must review their present plans if we are to continue to enjoy prosperity.

In an address here, he said the long-range economic outlook depends on two highly unstable factors—agricultural prices and industrial capital expenditures.

Steps must be taken, he said, to insure "that farm prices and income do not collapse under abundant production." Business, he added, should abandon its reported program of reducing its capital expenditures by 40 per cent in the next five years.

"All past experience," said Mr. Bean, "points to the fact that favorable economic and political conditions do not accompany a 40 per cent decline in business and investment."

"What we get instead is a decline in employment and lack of job opportunities for the few persons of working age who annually enter the labor force."

## Italy Plans to Relocate 1,000,000 Citizens

Paris.—Emigration plans presented to the Economic Cooperation Administration by Italy provide for the relocation of nearly one million Italian citizens during the next four years, according to an announcement issued here.

Boris Shishkin, AFL economist on leave of absence to serve as director of the ECA's labor division in Paris, said that the Rome government plans to call for the relocation of 971,900 citizens to other countries of Europe, the Western Hemisphere, Africa and Australia to reduce population pressure in Italy.

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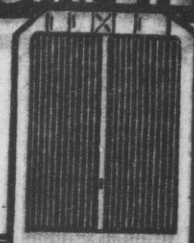
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Aside from procuring fair wages, hours and working conditions, you as Unionists and your Union have an obligation to perform—and that is to take active interest in civic affairs and assume its responsible position in the area, and strive to the end that the community progresses; and as it progresses so will your Union.

Continue to attend your meetings regularly. In Salinas, the second Tuesday of each month, and in Monterey the second Thursday of each month. Remember, that unless you attend at least one meeting quarterly, you are subject to a \$2.50 fine.

Very little progress can be reported in regard to the many contracts that are opened. The membership involved in the various divisions concerned in these negotiations will be kept informed. In any event they will be notified to attend special meetings for their division regarding our relations with the employers.

**CANNERY, FROZEN FOODS, FRESH VEGETABLE PACK:** The employers are very reluctant to grant increases as proposed to them. Negotiations have been in progress for several months, but very little progress can be reported at this time.

To our members employed at Spiegl Farms, Dempsey-Hudson, Raiter Cannery, Hollister Canning, and Fairview Canning Companies, C. B. Gentry, Sunnyvalley Packing, Schieb Packing, Sam Regas and Sons: Although your employers are independent operators, they are affected by the contract between the C. P. and G. and our International Union. Strike votes are being taken in many areas throughout the State. Watch this column for further reports regarding this most important division.

As this goes to press, a meeting is being held in Los Angeles between the Grower-Shippers, the Western Growers and Local Unions 898, 287 and 890, with regard to the 1949 contract for the produce drivers.

There is very little to report as yet on the Salinas Valley ice industry.

We hope to have a favorable report covering the Van and Storage drivers in a short time.

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**LAUNDRY DIVISION:** This group is in the process of being organized; and the only plant where the drivers and plant employees are 100% organized is the Galland Linen Service.

Have you received your Constitution and Local By-Laws?

If you are not employed, please leave your name and telephone number at the Union office, as we are beginning to receive job assignments.

We regret to report that Frankie Razar, a member of this Union employed at Spiegl Foods Company, lost her husband in a plane crash last week. He was killed while on a routine flight over Salinas. Our deepest sympathy goes to Frankie Razar and her family.

**FROM THE SICK COMMITTEE:** Your Union would appreciate a phone call or any message regarding a sick member whether in a hospital or at home. We have a Sick Committee to take care of these members when they are ill. Please cooperate and leave your messages at the Union office.

Have you received your insurance policy? If not, please advise the Union office. It may be that you have changed your address and your policy has been returned and is here in the files.

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## VETS NEWS

Several thousand United States residents who served in the Canadian armed forces during World War II have not yet applied for benefits provided by the Canadian Government, according to the Canadian Department of Veterans Affairs. The Department emphasized that the benefits are not new; they are available only to those who have not obtained them in the past, and they are only for World War II service. The benefits consist of war service gratuities and reestablishment credit.

A total of 104 individual farm units of about 130 acres each are being opened for veteran homestead settlement on the Heart Mountain division of the Shoshone Project in northern Wyoming. Included in the opening are 12,073 acres of irrigable land. The average farm units contains 116 acres of irrigable land and about 15 acres of non-irrigable land suitable for pasture and other purposes.

Veterans take an unnecessary risk of losing their money and their insurance protection when they mail cash to pay premiums on National Service Life Insurance policies, Veterans Administration warned.

A number of NSLI policyholders continue to send cash to VA district offices for premium payments. Recently a VA district office received an envelope with over one thousand dollars in cash, to be applied to a veteran's insurance account.

VA pointed out that a veteran, making his insurance payments in cash through ordinary mail, has no way to prove he made the payment in the event it fails to reach VA. Failure to receive the money leaves VA no choice but to lapse the policy.

Veterans are urged to use money orders, postal notes (with the reverse side filled out in full) or checks for NSLI premium payments, and also to use the yellow envelopes furnished by VA in mailing the payments to the appropriate VA district office.

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By J. HOWARD McGRATH

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Suppose a survey showed that if the food were shared fairly everyone would have enough food to prevent starvation and that a few persons would get less to eat but that most persons would have a better diet.

Under such circumstances which of these two courses do you think we should take?

ONE—Distribute the food so as to feed adequately everyone in the country.

TWO—Keep the existing system and let some people continue to starve, until some future time when enough food could be raised to feed everyone as much as the upper income groups were eating under the existing system.

I think most Americans would take CHOICE NUMBER ONE.

Right now we face a similar situation in the problem of medical care. Some people are getting no medical care; others are receiving excellent care.

The President has proposed that the Federal Government do two things about this problem. One is to act to make possible the training of more doctors and medical technicians, to expand hospital and public health and research facilities. This second is to distribute existing medical facilities fairly through a system of health insurance.

The foes of the Truman health

program argue that there is no point in distributing medical care fairly until the facilities are created to give the MAXIMUM in medical care for everyone.

They say, amazingly enough, that the President is not logical in urging that we make the best use of what we have while we prepare to do a better job in the future.

In other words, the attitude of the foes of the Truman health program is: Until everybody can eat cake, some people must do without bread.

Quite a dust storm has been kicked up over whether or not the Truman health insurance program is compulsory.

Here are the facts. In order to distribute the burden of adequate medical care for all Americans fairly, the Federal Government would collect payroll taxes, as in the case of the Social Security program.

But there would be no compulsion on patients or doctors. Patients could choose their own doctors. Doctors could accept or reject patients, could stay out of the government program if they so desired.

One existing compulsion would be removed. That is the compulsion to do without medical treatment if you lack the money for expensive hospital fees and doctors' bills.

Universal health insurance is the only way to end our existing system of compulsory illness.

# Our Share in Income Drops

Lake Success, N. Y.—Labor's share in the U. S. national income dropped last year below prewar levels, according to statisticians in the staff of the United Nations.

The same situation was true in Canada, Belgium and New Zealand the experts reported.

The ratio of wages, salaries and other income to labor stood at 62 percent of total national income during 1948 in this country, a decrease of 4 percent from the position 10 years earlier, the experts announced. Declines of 7 percent and 6 percent were reported in labor's part of national production in Canada and New Zealand, respectively. In Belgium, wage workers received 4 percent less of the national income than they did in 1938.

United Nations statisticians, commenting on results of the survey, attributed the altered position of labor in the United States, Canada, Belgium and New Zealand to strong inflationary pressures that have forced prices up faster than wages in these countries.

Largely undamaged by the war, concerns in these countries reaped high profits from trade with war-devastated countries, dependent on them for essential goods and services in the post-war years, those experts declared. They cautioned, however, that income distribution figures did not adequately take into account income received by self-employed persons, small entrepreneurs and farmers.

Wage-earners in Switzerland enlarged their slice of the national income pie by 12 percent, it was reported. A movement of small artisans, farmers and professional persons into the ranks of wage-earners may be responsible for the sharp increase in the ratio of wages and salaries to other national income in Switzerland, authorities here suggested.

The name of the first new towns to be built in Britain are Stevenage, Crawley-Three Bridges, Hemel Hempstead, Harlow, Hatfield and Welwyn Garden City, Aycliffe, Easington, and East Kilbride.

# GRIN or GROAN

"So that's the end of our romance," he sighed, having explained that he had lost all his money.

"Darling, I love you just the same," she said. "I shall always love you, even if I never see you again."

Any teacher who has ever corrected a child's composition will be interested in the following essay upon anatomy. Teachers of science and hygiene will be especially convulsed.

The assignment for the sixth grade hygiene class was a composition on anatomy. One promising lad submitted the following: "Your head is kind of round and hard, and your brains are in it, and your hair is on it."

"Your face is on the front of your head where you eat and make faces. Your neck is what keeps your head out of your collar. It's hard to keep clean. Your shoulders are sort of shelves where you hook your suspenders to keep your pants up."

"Your stummick is something that if you do not eat often, it hurts. Your spine is some long bones in your back that keeps you from folding up. Your back is always behind no matter how quick you turn around."

"Your arms are fastened to your shoulders in such a way you can pitch and reach the butter."

"Your fingers stick out of your hands so you can throw curves and add up arithmetic."

"Your legs is what if you do not have two of you cannot get to first base."

"Your feet are what you run on, and your toes are what you stub. And that's all there is of you except what's inside, and I never saw it."—Mis-A-Sip.

The bee is such a busy soul  
He has no time for birth control.  
And that's why, in times like these,  
We have so many sons of Bees.

A father asked his three children  
what they had done to help their mother.

Said Bobby, "I washed the dishes."  
Said Betty: "I wiped them."  
Said little Mary: "I picked up the pieces."

At the conclusion of the Sunday morning service a man remained to talk to the pastor.

"I am a bus driver," he said, "and I wish you would tell me how you get so many of your people to move to the rear."

"One trouble with modern society," declared the professor, "is that we are too specialized. For example, I have a good background in the liberal arts, but I must confess that I haven't the faintest idea how the radio works."  
"My goodness," exclaimed the wide-eyed beauty, "that's easy. You just turn the knobs and it plays."

If one and one are two,  
And one and one do marry.  
It's sure that in a year or so  
There'll be two and one to carry.

To combat current high prices  
my niece tried out a no-egg, no-butter, no-sugar recipe. She called me today to announce her result  
—NO CAKE.

"John doesn't seem as well dressed as when he married you five years ago."  
"That's strange. He is wearing the same suit."

He—"Darling, I'm not half good enough for you."  
She—"Remember that after we are married and we will be very happy."

Bald man—"Is your hair growing any good?"  
Clerk—"I'll tell you a secret. We sell it at cost because it brings us so much comb and brush business."

"Smith's name must be pretty high on his auto dealer's new car list."

"How can you tell?"  
"He is allowing his wife to drive the old one."

Mother was chiding Johnny.  
"I was hoping you would be unselfish enough to give your sister the large piece of candy. The birds can teach you a lesson. A bird gives all the nicest food to her little birds and only once in a while takes any for herself."

And Johnny replied:  
"I would do the same, mom, if I were giving out worms."

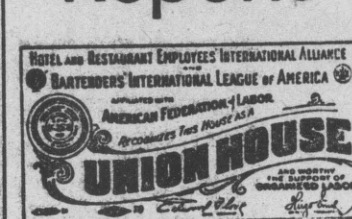
# 93,617 Union Officials File Non-Red Affidavits

Washington.—The National Labor Relations Board reports that 93,617 officials of national and local unions had on file current non-Communist affidavits on May 1, an increase of 8,796 over the previous month.

The 93,617 affidavits currently on file represent an increase of 25 per cent over the 74,797 filed as of May 1, 1948.

Filing of these affidavits brought 179 national unions and 9,464 locals into full compliance with the affidavit and financial report requirements of the Labor-Management Relations Act as of April 30, 1949.

# Local 483 Reports



May 13, 1949.

The recent report sent in from the Chicago scene of our International General Convention, contained a promise of a more complete coverage of the convention activities and achievements. Your secretary, for several hours past, has been re-reading the proceedings of the general convention, together with personal notes taken during its course, and realizes the hopelessness of attempting to convey to the membership a full and concise report in the small space allotted here.

The convention was attended by nearly 1,100 delegates, representing more than 400,000 workers who hold membership in our International Union. It was primarily a convention of people with a job to do. Entertainment, good times, sightseeing, and other diversionary matters were shunted into the background. The auditorium was filled at all of the many and lengthy sessions, and the delegates in attendance were alert and interested in all proceedings. A great amount of work was accomplished, in an incredibly short space of time. There were nearly 100 resolutions which were reported out of committee and discussed on the floor of the convention. They ran the gamut from repeal of Taft-Hartley to a stand on civil rights; from extension of social security to raising of the minimum wage laws. They all pertained to problems which, directly or indirectly, affect the daily lives of working men and women. Eighteen committees were appointed to expedite and assist in all phases of handling the convention. Each of the committees had several meetings, apart from the general convention business, and reported back to the delegates on their progress or their problems. There were many speeches sandwiched in between other items of business, by such men as the mayor of Chicago; our International's general counsel, J. W. Brown; many representatives from affiliated labor organizations; spokesmen for governmental agencies; an inspiring address by William Green, president of the AFL; and a most forceful and unusual address delivered at the convention's grand banquet by the Catholic Bishop of the Midwest Area.

The single item of business which took up the most time was the complete overhauling of our International Constitution. The reading of proposed amendments, with the discussion which inevitably followed the reading of each paragraph, went on for three days or more. At times the debate waxed hot and heavy, but the end finally was reached, and a revised constitution was adopted by the convention. It will be printed and distributed to the membership during the coming weeks.

The election of officers was routine procedure, since all of the incumbents were returned to serve another term. One interesting approved section of the revised constitution, however, provides that future general conventions shall be held every four years, thus granting the officers a four-year term, and setting the year for our next convention as 1953. This new provision was strenuously objected to by a large portion of the delegates, but when the vote was taken the officers proved in the minority. The location for the 1953 convention will be left to the discretion of the General Executive Board.

Perhaps the most important lesson which any delegate to such a convention can learn is the absolute necessity for harmony, teamwork, and just plain hard work and devotion, which must prevail in the organization if progress is to be reported. Regrettably enough, following the previous general convention held in Milwaukee in 1947, there was evident disharmony within the ranks of our International Union. One result of this breach was startlingly evident: the membership strength of our International Union remained almost unchanged during the two-year period which this most recent convention bridged. There were obviously several factors responsible for this lack of progress, such as the adoption by our Congress of the Taft-Hartley law, and adoption by many state legislatures of similar anti-labor legislation, but clearly the lack of teamwork played an important part in the poor showing made by our International during the past two years. It is highly probable that we can learn several lessons from the mistakes of the past two years, and profit therefrom. Surely those of us who have been interested in the development of our own Local 483 should do a better job in months to come than we have in the past.

One of our newer members, Della Parker, night waitress at Watson's Cafe, had a most interesting experience last week. Della had made a quick trip to Los Angeles, and while there she attended the "Queen for a Day" radio program. Della was one of the few persons selected from among the hundreds of women who attended, to be a contestant. And before she could draw a decent breath again, Della had won the quiz, and was being crowned "Queen for a Day". Among the many attentions and presents which were showered upon her was a trip to Wenatchee, Wash., where she reigned as "Queen of the Apple Blossom Festival," an annual Washington Apple Valley event. She also was presented with a new washing machine, clothes dryer, and mangle which will be of great use to Della in caring for her family of three children. And how did Della react to all of this sudden attention and popularity? She was darned glad to get back home to her children!! All we can say is such a nice break couldn't have happened to a nicer person!!

# Communists Take Beating In Swedish Union Polls

Stockholm, Sweden.—Recent trade union elections in Sweden "have turned out to be a catastrophe for the Communists," according to a national survey by a daily newspaper here which is published by the Swedish Trade Union Confederation.

The report is evidence that reluctance of the Swedish government to join the Atlantic Pact signatories at the present time indicates no growing Communist influence in Sweden. On the contrary, the newspaper found that Communist trade union "strongholds are falling in like houses of cards."

Communist setbacks occurred in 26 trade union elections in Stockholm and 10 in Gothenburg, according to the paper's roundup. The pattern was the same in the provinces.

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Your secretary has noticed a couple of very familiar faces recently at the Anchor Snack Bar, across from the union hall. Lill and Myrt—known otherwise as Lillian McManis, formerly of Biff's, and Myrtle Matz, from the Live Oak Market, are now operating the Snack Bar. Don't forget to pay them a call when you're in the center of town and feel like a bite to eat. Of course, in getting to the Snack Bar, you've got to traverse the entire length of Claude and Ann's Anchor Bar, so you'll probably have a quick drink with Scotty, Frosty or Lyle while you're there, too. Don't tell them you recommended the place to you, though!

As you've probably learned by now, our most recent Welfare Fund benefit party was anything but a success. According to the proceeds which have been turned in to date, it is probable that we will break even, but there'll certainly be nothing left to expend through our Welfare Fund. That fund has served a most useful and important purpose, in financially assisting many of our members who have been sick, hospitalized, or disabled during the past 18 months. The fund now is exhausted and benefit payments have—of necessity—been suspended until such time as we are solvent again. Well, you men and women who make up Local 483 are going to get another chance to build up this fund. The Executive Board has approved a new fund-raising scheme and we all hope that it will receive your active support and boosting. The award is really something—a brand new 1949 Willys Jeepster, complete with all the latest gimmicks and gadgets!! And someone is going to receive title and possession of this shiny new convertible! Tickets will be made available within the next week, and we know you'll see to it that they are sold. We must pay for this \$2,000 Jeepster, and we must make a substantial profit for the Welfare Fund, so let's get busy. Brother Andy Church has agreed to be the Award Committee chairman, and he will naturally expect the support and assistance of each and every member. Don't let him down—make sure that you get out and do a real, first-class job this time, and get some funds back into that Welfare account.

One more notice of importance. Our annual nomination of officers will be the principal item of business during the June meetings. First nomination is on Wednesday evening, June 1, and final nominations on Wednesday afternoon, June 15. The election of officers will take place on Tuesday, July 5, the polls being open from 9 a.m. until 9 p.m. Every member is expected to attend the nomination of officers meetings and you should certainly make it your business to cast your ballot on Tuesday, July 5. And please remember—the officers of this union are your representatives in all dealings with our employers, our civic officials and leaders, and the community at large. Make certain that you select wisely and well. Choose men and women whom you know to be reliable, and honorable in all their dealings. By electing such people to our union offices, you add to the organization's prestige and recognition in the community. That spells a better union, with better labor-management relations, and better working conditions for all of us.

GEORGE L. RICE,  
Secretary.

# U.S. Industrial Methods Praised by British Unit

London.—The main reason for higher industrial productivity in the United States than in Britain are greater use of mechanical aids, longer runs of more standardized products, and better servicing of operatives rather than greater physical effort, according to the United Kingdom members of the Anglo-American Council on Productivity who returned recently from the United States.

In their report they said that they would devote themselves to increasing application of mechanical aids and promoting acceptance of technological improvements in Britain. By these means, they said, they believed that an increase in output per man-hour would be achieved.

# Retail Clerks' Union Wins Wage Increase

Washington.—Local 639A of the Retail Clerks Association (AFL) won new wage boosts here for 1,150 full and part-time employees of the Safeway Stores, large food chain.

The 950 full-time employees agreed to accept increases of \$4.50 weekly, and their salaries now range from \$45.50 to \$59.50. The 200 part-time workers now make from \$1.05 to \$1.35 per hour, having received a 10-cents-per-hour increase.

In 1947 (latest available figure), 914 British employers were charged with breaches of the Factory Act; 764 convictions resulted in fines amounting to \$32,000.

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